

Ms. Miller's ABCs of 3rd Grade

• ATTENDANCE

- We do so much in class each day! Missing just one day of school puts students behind in almost each academic subject. Being in school and on time everyday is important to each student's learning. However, if your child is ill, please call the school office to let us know. If your child needs to leave early for any reason, please report to the office to sign your child out. We understand that sometimes it will be necessary to take your child out of school, yet we strongly urge you to try and schedule special appointments after the school day. Thank you for your support!

• ARRIVAL

- We won't have supervision on our school grounds until 8:50 (9:05 on Wednesdays), so please avoid dropping your student off at school prior to available supervision. School begins at 9:05, except on Wednesdays when school begins at 9:20. They will be welcomed into their classroom at that time. If students arrive after 9:05 (9:20 on Wednesdays), they will need to check in at the office to first get a tardy slip.

• BIRTHDAYS

- We love to celebrate birthdays in third grade! However, we must adhere to the district's healthy snack policy, which limits the number of sweet treats we may have throughout the school year. We will be reserving our sweet treat days for class/holiday parties throughout the year. To celebrate your child's birthday, they will be recognized during morning announcements and will receive a special birthday pencil.

• COMMUNICATION

- The best way to get ahold of me is via email at miller.katelyn@westada.org. I will typically only be able to respond to emails before or after school. Please check our class website for weekly updates, important class information, class documents, class photos, important updates, and more! I'll be sending you reminders throughout the year to check our class website.

• DISMISSAL

- School is dismissed at 3:55. Students must exit through their outside classroom door and head to their destination. We ask that you please determine ahead of time how your child is getting home each day. This minimizes confusion for our students and ensures that our front office isn't overwhelmed with calls at the end of the day to communicate with students.

• EMERGENCIES

- Please make sure we have current and correct emergency information on file. If your address, phone number, or job changes let us know as soon as possible. If an accident were to occur, we want to be able to reach you promptly.

- **FIELD TRIPS**
 - You will be notified ahead of time about any field trips we take this year! Permission slips must be returned for your child to attend activities off of school grounds. These days are always fun and exciting!
- **GRADES**
 - There are some changes to grading this upcoming year and information will be sent home with details about these changes. You can find formally graded work sent home in your student's folder each Thursday. Grades will also be available on PowerSchool.
- **HOMEWORK**
 - While there is no formal paper/pencil homework sent home in third grade, we do ask that your third grader reads independently or with a family member each evening for 10 or more minutes. If students have unfinished work, that may be sent home as an evening homework assignment, as well.
- **IMPORTANCE OF READING AT HOME**
 - As mentioned above, reading at home grows kiddos into strong readers who develop a love of reading. Please read with your student at home each day and talk about what your child is reading!
- **JOBS**
 - The beginning of each week, I will rotate students through class jobs. Students love having jobs and helping to keep our classroom well-run!
- **KEEP ON TOP OF YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRESS**
 - How will you know how your student is performing in third grade? Please check the daily folder that comes home each day to see what your student is working on in class! Talk with your student about what he or she is learning and the practice items they are bringing home. On Thursdays, you'll see any formally graded evidence pieces come home in folders. Please check PowerSchool regularly to see your student's grades in each academic area as we cover them in class!
- **LEARNER QUALITIES**
 - Please take a peek at the explanation of our Learner Qualities on our class site [HERE](#) and how we use them here at Chief Joseph!
- **LUNCH**
 - Third graders eat lunch at 12:15. Following lunch time, students will have an outdoor recess before finishing the last half of the school day.
- **MISSING WORK**
 - Any work that students are missing or remains unfinished at the end of the week will be kept in an unfinished work folder. There will be a "catch up" time for students to complete the missing/incomplete work. Students that don't have missing or unfinished work for the week get to participate in our "pickles", or free choice, time. If unfinished work becomes a chronic issue, your student may be bringing items home to complete.

- **NEWSLETTER**
 - The Chief Joseph School Newsletter will be sent home digitally each month. Please make sure your email is up to date in PowerSchool so that you receive the newsletter and are kept updated on school news and all the upcoming events!
- **ONLINE RESOURCES**
 - Please check out our class Website [HERE](#) for optional online resources that your student can do at home to support what we are working on in the classroom!
- **PARTIES**
 - Throughout the year we will have holiday related parties and reward-related parties. Look for info sent home about
- **QUESTIONS**
 - Throughout the year, should you have questions, please don't hesitate to email me at miller.katelyn@westada.org
- **RECESS**
 - We will have a lunch and afternoon recess each day. Weather permitting, recess will be outside in the sunshine and fresh air.
- **SNACK**
 - We do not have a scheduled snack time in our class. Should students like to bring a snack from home, they may bring it and take it to lunch with them.
- **TOYS**
 - Please do not allow your student to bring any toys or special items from home unless they are doing so for a Super Student Reward (you'll get a note from me in that case). This includes any trinkets, toys, game cards, make-up, etc. Thank you for reminding your student to keep these things home to avoid any distractions to our school day!
- **UNDER THE WEATHER**
 - If your child has a fever, your child will need to stay home until he or she is fever-free for 24 hours. Thank you for helping keep our classroom healthy for all!
- **VOLUNTEERING**
 - We Love parent volunteers! I'd love to have some dedicated parents who can commit to coming consistently to help with projects, copying, and reading with students. I will send home sign-up information during the first month of school detailing the options for volunteering if you are interested.
- **WATER**
 - Students may bring a water bottle to school to keep in the classroom as long as it has a "pop-up" top or twist on lid. Students will be given time during the day to refill water bottles if needed. Please avoid sending students to school with anything other than water- no juice, coffee, soda, etc.
- **X-TRA DONATIONS**

- We have a wish list posted on our class website! Please check it out at [Ms. Miller's Class Website](#) We are always in need of pencils, tissue, disinfecting wipes, pencil top erasers, Ziploc baggies, and glue sticks. Thank you!
- **YOUR ROLE AT HOME**
 - Connecting home and school makes us a great community of learners! We appreciate all you do at home to support what we are doing in the classroom. Thank you for taking the time each day to check your student's daily folder, check grades on PowerSchool, communicate with your child about their progress, and encouraging the Learner Qualities that will guide your student to be their very best! Thanks for all your continued support!
- **ZZZZZZ's**
 - We work hard during the school day! A well-rested student learns best. An early bedtime and a good night's rest will ensure that your student is able to be attentive and learn at his or her best. 😊